

PLAN AND ADDRESS

OF A

Society for supplying the Poor

IN CLERKENWELL, AND OTHER PARISHES,

WITH GOOD AND NUTRITIOUS

MEAT SOUP.

AT ONE PENNY PER CUP.

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TO THE BENEVOLENT AND HUMANE,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE LAUDABLE INTENTION
OF A SOCIETY, INSTITUTED FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR,
BY SUPPLYING THEM WITH GOOD AND NUTRITIOUS
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TO enter in detail into the numerous distresses of the Poor, particularly at this season, in various parts of the Metropolis, seems unnecessary. The well-concerted Societies, in addition to individual benevolence, united to alleviate the sufferings of the labouring Poor, prove, that it is a point generally admitted. It may however be necessary to remark, that in no part, do the sufferings of the Poor exceed those which are at present experienced in *Clerkenwell* and the adjoining Parishes, where great numbers of industrious artificers, with their families, are reduced from a comfortable way of living, to extreme want,—even of the necessities of life.

The advantages derived from the plan of a Society already formed for the purpose of relieving the industrious Poor, particularly those who have large families, and who have not been in the habits of receiving parochial relief, with a good nutritious Soup, have been found extremely beneficial; but the difficulty which the Poor, who are at a distance from the Soup house opened in *Spitalfields*, find, in obtaining a portion of relief, has induced a number of persons to unite their efforts towards establishing a similar Institution in the neighbourhood of *Clerkenwell*, in order that relief may be more effectually and readily administered to the necessitous in that and the adjacent Parishes; and to that very numerous and industrious class of mechanics, who were of late employed in the various branches of the *Clock and Watchmaking business*; but who now, with many others, it is but too well known, are reduced, with their families, to a very distressed and pitiable condition.

It is therefore presumed, that when this representation of the deplorable case of the Poor in this district, with the mode of relief, shall reach the public eye, it will not fail to excite the sympathy and assistance of the Benevolent and Humane.

Subscriptions will be received by the Bankers and Gentlemen following:—

*Messrs. Drummonds, Charing-cross,
Hoares, Fleet-street,
Dorrien & Co. Finch-lane,
Barnet, Hoare & Co. Lombard-street,
Down, Thornton & Co. Bartholomew-lane,
Dorset & Co. New Bond-street,
Robarts, Curtis & Co. Lombard-street.*

*Wm. Marmaduke Sellon, Esq. St. James's Walk, Clerkenwell,
John Pim, Bartholomew-close,
Mr. Wm. Chamberlaine, Aylesbury-street, Clerkenwell,
Robert Howard, Old-street,
Messrs. Hardcastle & Reyner, Ducks-foot-lane, Thames-street,
Messrs. Fillingham, Harvey & Haines, St. John-street,
Benjamin Webb, St. John's-square; and
Corbyn & Co. N^o 300, Holborn.*

At a numerous and respectable Meeting, held at the

CROWN TAVERN,

CLERKENWELL GREEN,

On Monday, the 29th of January, 1798,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE SITUATION OF THE

Distressed Mechanics, and Others,

In CLERKENWELL, and Parts adjacent,

WILLIAM MARMADUKE SELLON, Esq. in the Chair.

It was unanimously resolved,

THAT the persons present at this Meeting do form themselves into a Society, for the purpose of taking into consideration, some Plan for the relief of the distressed Artificers, and others, in the parish of *Clerkenwell*, and parts adjacent.

THAT this Society be formed on a plan similar to one lately established in Spitalfields, for supplying the industrious Poor with GOOD NUTRITIOUS MEAT SOUP; and that proper objects who reside in the parishes of *Clerkenwell*, *St. Luke*, *Islington*, *St. Sepulchre*, *St. Andrew*, or any others, may partake thereof.

THAT this Society be considered as acting in concert with that already formed, and as uniting their endeavours more effectually to extend the same laudable designs, and will be ready, at all times, to correspond and communicate with them, in any way that may best serve the cause, in which both have engaged.

THAT *William Marmaduke Sellon*, Esq. be Chairman of this Society.

That *John Pim*, of Bartholomew Close, be Treasurer.

That *Mr. William Chamberlaine*, of Aylesbury Street, Clerkenwell, be Secretary.

That the Resolutions of this Meeting be printed three times in each of the following Newspapers, viz. the *Times*, *Morning Herald*, and *Morning Chronicle*.

Signed, by order of the Meeting,

W. M. SELLON.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman, for his great attention to the Business thereof.

WM. CHAMBERLAINE, Secretary.

REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THIS SOCIETY.

First, THAT a Committee, consisting of not less than thirty-six Members, be appointed to conduct the affairs of the Society; to meet at least once in every week.

Second, THAT the attention of the Committee be particularly directed towards making the Soup good; one or two of its number, as shall be found necessary, to superintend the making of it, and three of them to be present, in turn, during the whole time of serving it.

Third, THAT any person producing a printed recommendation at the Soup-House, signed by a Member of the Society, shall receive a numerical Ticket, entitling him or her to receive Soup, which shall be renewable every two weeks, by the visiting Members of the Committee, unless any thing during that time shall appear to render it improper; and that the attention of the Society be particularly directed to such as have numerous families of small children, though by no means to the exclusion of the Poor, of any description.

Fourth, THAT the Soup be delivered out on the six working days of the week, between the hours of Eleven and One, at ONE PENNY per QUART, to such as produce Tickets, according to the mode mentioned in the last resolution.

Fifth, THAT a General Meeting of the Society be held once a Month, at a place and hour to be determined on by the Committee, who are to give proper notice to the Members.

Sixth, THAT persons subscribing Half-a-Guinea, at the least, be Members of this Society, to whom printed Recommendations are to be delivered for their use.

N. B. A Committee was appointed agreeably to the Resolutions, and a Subscription was immediately entered into.

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